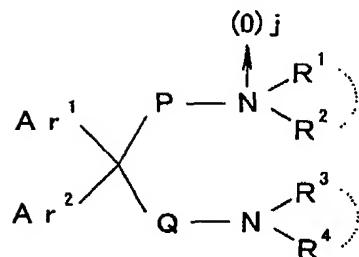


Abstract of the Disclosure

A compound represented by the formula



5 wherein Ar¹ and Ar² are each an aromatic group optionally having substituents, P and Q are each a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon group which optionally contains ether oxygen or ether sulfur in a carbon chain and which optionally has substituents, R¹ and R³ are each (i) a hydrogen atom, (ii) an acyl group or (iii) an hydrocarbon group optionally having substituents, R² and R⁴ are each (i) a hydrogen atom, (ii) an alkyl group optionally having substituents or (iii) an alkylcarbonyl optionally having substituents, R¹ and R² or R³ and R⁴ each optionally forms, together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, a monocyclic or fused nitrogen-containing heterocyclic group optionally having substituents, j is 0 or 1, a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof are useful as melanin-concentrating hormone antagonists.